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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)
THRU: Deputy Director (Administration)
SUBJECT: Organisational Arrangements for Internal Security

1. The enclosure is basically a report prepared by the Attorney General in which he offers a study and recommendations to the NSC for improvements in the organization of the Government with respect to internal security functions. The comments of this Office have been requested with respect to this report.

2. Basically, the report concludes that the present two-committee structure of the IIC and the ICIS under their present charters be retained. The recommendations are chiefly concerned with the strengthening of the staff support of both of these committees and with improved coordinating procedures between the committees and the NSC Planning Board as may concern matters of internal security interest.

3. As you are aware, the CIA is not a member of either the IIC or the ICIS and this is consistent with the National Security Act of 1947 which prohibits CIA from having any internal security functions. This Office can offer the comment that the strengthening of the IIC and the ICIS in both its staff and coordinating functions should result in improvement of internal security. CIA could give general support to this proposal but the prohibition against the Agency of engaging in internal security functions would militate against our taking a specific position.

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